

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

A1 Cancel claim 41, without prejudice.

Add new claim 137 to read as follows:

A2 - 137. The compound of claim 39 which is (3R,4S,5S)-3-(1,4-dimethoxy-naphthalen-2-ylmethoxy)-4-[4-[3-(2-methoxy-benzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl]-piperidin-5-ol. --

REMARKS

Claims 1-136 were pending in the subject application. Applicants have hereinabove canceled claim 41, without prejudice to filing such claim in a future application claiming the benefit of the present applications' filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120, and added new claim 137. Accordingly, claims 1-40 and 42-137 are now pending in the subject patent application.

In the Office Action, the Patent Office required that a single species be elected for examination purposes. In response to this election requirement, applicants request that the species claimed in new claim 137, i.e. (3R,4S,5S)-3-(1,4-dimethoxy-naphthalen-2-ylmethoxy)-4-[4-[3-(2-methoxy-benzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl]-piperidin-5-ol, (and supported in Example 112 - compound 11 and Example ZZ) be examined at this time. New claim 137 corresponds to originally filed claim 41 without the spelling error. Applicants look

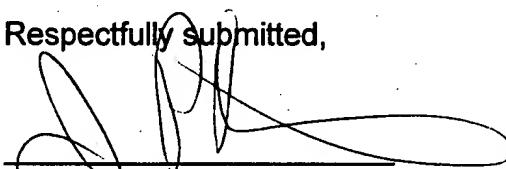
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forward to the species embodied by the compound of claim 137 being found patentable and to a further determination of patentability for the genus that includes this elected species, as embodied in claim 1.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in furthering prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney requests that he be contacted at the number provided below.

No fee is required in connection with the filing of this Amendment. If any fee is deemed necessary, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2525.

Respectfully submitted,


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